

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**September 24, 2007**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Review Case No. C-2007-020R, Darin Pope**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** September 6, 2007**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Darin Pope applied for an Elementary teaching certificate on April 25, 2005.

On his application for certification, Mr. Pope answered "yes" to having ever been convicted of a felony. In his disclosure statement, Mr. Pope explained that in 1998 he was arrested for Driving under the Influence ("DUI") in the State of New York and was convicted in 1999.

Mr. Pope also answered "yes" to having ever been arrested for any offense for which you were fingerprinted. In his disclosure statement, Mr. Pope explained that in 1998 he was arrested for Driving under the Influence ("DUI") in the State of New York and was convicted in 1999.

The Investigative Unit discovered further issues and notified Mr. Pope. He then provided a second statement with additional arrest and conviction history including three additional DUI convictions in the State of New York. This statement included a DUI in 1982, a DUI in 1986, and a DUI in 1992. These convictions were in addition to the DUI in 1998 as listed in the first statement.

On March 30, 2007, the Investigative Unit mailed a letter to Mr. Pope informing him that his application required a review by the State Board of Education ("the State Board"), and requested he submit additional documentation. Mr. Pope failed to respond to the March letter and a follow-up letter was sent on July 5, 2007, advising him that the State Board would proceed with a review of his application if he did not provide the requested documentation or withdraw his application within 60 days.

The Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("the PPAC") reviewed Mr. Pope's case on August 14, 2007, and make its recommendation based on the following:

- Mr. Pope's application is substantively incomplete because it is missing the required and requested documentation, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-534.01. Mr. Pope failed to submit police or other investigative reports relative to the incidents in question, a minimum of four current letters of recommendation, and a notarized statement concerning the underlying incidents, all of which are expressly required.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:**

That the Board accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the PPAC and **deny** Darin Pope's application for being substantively incomplete.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**